

Amendment "A"

Please withdraw claims 2, 4, 9-12 and 22. The state of the claims following this Amendment "A" is as follows:

Claim 1 (original). A utility line hanger apparatus, comprising:

a hanger body formed into a partially closed loop that includes opposed loop ends spaced adjacent one another to form an access opening;

a gate engageable with the loop ends to selectively close the access opening;

a first mounting member on the hanger body remote from the loop ends;

a second mounting member on the hanger body remote from the loop ends and spaced from the first mounting member; and

support connectors on the first and second mounting members.

Claim 2 (withdrawn). The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the hanger body includes a swivel loop closer mounted thereon for pivotal movement; and

wherein the swivel loop closer includes one of the loop ends.

Claim 3 (original). The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the second mounting member is pivotable about an axis toward and away from the first mounting member.

Claim 4 (withdrawn). The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the second mounting member is pivotable about an axis toward and away from the first mounting member;

the hanger body includes a swivel loop closer mounted thereon for pivotal movement; and

the swivel loop closer defines one of the loop ends.

1 Claim 5 (original). The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the loop ends are threaded and
2 wherein the gate is comprised of a nut threadably engageable with both loop ends.

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4 Claim 6 (original). The apparatus of claim 1, and further comprising an electrically non-
5 conductive yieldable coating on the hanger body.

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7 Claim 7 (original). The apparatus of claim 1, and further comprising a visually distinctive
8 wear indicator coating on the hanger body, at least partially covered by an electrically
9 non-conductive yieldable coating.

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11 Claim 8 (original). The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the hanger body is formed of a
12 threaded rod.

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14 Claim 9 (withdrawn). The apparatus of claim 1, and further comprising an auxiliary guide
15 releasably mountable to the hanger body.

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17 Claim 10 (withdrawn). The apparatus of claim 1, and further comprising a spacer
18 mounted between the hanger body and second mounting member, spacing the second
19 mounting member away from the hanger body.

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21 Claim 11 (withdrawn). The apparatus of claim 1, and further comprising an adjustable
22 spacer mounted between the hanger body and second mounting member, adjustably
23 spacing the second mounting member from the hanger body.

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25 Claim 12 (withdrawn). The apparatus of claim 1, and further comprising an extension
releasably mountable to one of the first and second mounting members.

1 Claim 13 (original). The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the hanger body, the first
2 mounting member, and the second mounting member are formed of threaded rod.

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4 Claim 14 (original). The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the hanger body includes a
5 swivel loop closer formed of a bent rod threadably engaged with a nut secured to the
6 hanger body, and wherein the swivel loop closer defines one of the loop ends that is
7 pivotable, about an axis defined by the nut, toward and away from a remaining one of
8 the loop ends.

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10 Claim 15 (original). The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the hanger body includes a
11 swivel loop closer formed of a bent rod pivotably engaged with a receptacle secured to
12 the hanger body, and wherein the swivel loop closer defines one of the loop ends.

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14 Claim 16 (original). The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the hanger body includes a
15 swivel loop closer formed of a bent rod threadably engaged with a nut secured to the
16 hanger body, and wherein the swivel loop closer includes one of the loop ends;

17 the one loop end is pivotable, about an axis defined by the nut, toward and away
18 from the remaining loop end, thereby adjustably varying the access opening size; and

19 the nut and adjacent portions of the bent threaded rod and hanger body are
20 encased in a resilient material that yieldably holds the one loop end normally in close
21 proximity to a remaining one of the loop ends.

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23 Claim 17 (original). The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the second mounting member is
24 comprised of a swivel arm support rotatably mounted to the hanger body by way of a
25 receptacle affixed to the hanger body.

1 Claim 18 (original). The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the second mounting member is
2 comprised of a swivel arm support rotatably mounted at one end to the hanger body for
3 rotation about a swivel arm axis, and defining a remote end that is offset from the swivel
4 arm axis.

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6 Claim 19 (original). The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the first mounting member is
7 comprised of a stud projecting from the hanger body, and wherein the second mounting
8 member is defined by a swivel arm with a remote end that is substantially parallel to and
9 offset from the threaded stud.

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11 Claim 22 (withdrawn). The apparatus of claim 1, and further comprising clamp members
12 releasably mounted to the first and second mounting members.

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14 Claim 21 (original). A utility line hanger apparatus, comprising:

15 a hanger body formed as a partial loop and including loop ends spaced adjacent
16 one another to form an access opening;

17 a gate releasably connecting the loop ends to selectively close the access
18 opening;

19 a mounting member configured to secure the hanger body to a support;

20 wherein the hanger body includes a swivel loop closer mounted thereon for
21 pivotal movement; and

22 the swivel loop closer includes one of the loop ends.

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24 Claim 22 (original). The apparatus of claim 21, wherein the swivel loop closer is at least
25 partially encased in a resilient material, yieldably biasing the swivel loop closer to a
normally closed position wherein the one loop end is disposed adjacent a remaining one
of the loop ends.

1 Claim 23 (original). The apparatus of claim 21, wherein the hanger body is at least
2 partially coated with a color coded wear indicator material, and wherein the wear
3 indicator is at least partially covered by a wear resistant coating.

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5 Claim 24 (original). A utility line hanger apparatus, comprising:

6 a hanger body formed into a partial loop and including loop ends spaced adjacent
7 one another to form an access opening;

8 a gate releasably connecting the loop ends to selectively close the access
9 opening;

10 a first mounting member on the hanger body and defining a first axis; and

11 a second mounting member mounted to the hanger body in spaced relation to the
12 first mounting member and defining a second axis that is at least substantially parallel to
13 the first axis.

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15 Claim 25 (original). The apparatus of claim 24, wherein the second mounting member is
16 bent in such a manner that an end thereof is centered on the second axis and a
17 remaining end is spatially offset from the second axis.

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